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COUNTY DEMONSTRATION DAYS A GREAT SUCCESS

College Park, Md., May 26.

Reports from last week's field days for the Demonstration Work of the Extension Service of the Maryland Agricultural College and U. S. Department of Agriculture indicate this new feature of going to the farming people a most successful step. In Somerset and Worcester counties in a two days' campaign in which the leading farmers, business men, and other citizens united as local boosters, eighteen speakers from the Agricultural College and U. S. Department of Agriculture met over two thousand farmers in their home territory. It was bringing the agricultural agencies to the farmer and making him feel that their workers were really at his service as has never been done be-

fore. Meetings accompanied by practical demonstrations were held at every convenient place possible, such as cross roads, school houses, village stores, picnic grounds, and often in the front yard or on the porch of some farm home. The speakers entered quickly into the spirit of the occasion, giving short practical talks that the listening farmers and their wives could take right home and put in practice.

In explaining the handling of the corn crop, Prof. Nicholas Schmitz, extension worker in farm crops, used sample ears brought him by farmers to explain seed selection or took his audience to the edge of a convenient corn field to point out to them the advantage of a well prepared seed bed and proper cultivation. Prof. C. E. Temple, specialist in plant diseases, explained the practical points of scientific potato growing. He carried with him a sack of potatoes which he used to show how to select marketable potatoes, how to treat them for scab, and how to make hill selections for the improvement of seed.

Prof. S. B. Shaw, speaker on fruit and truck crops, gave practical advice on the handling of the strawberry crop from field to market right in sight of a number of fields where actual picking was in progress. Growers present expressed their appreciation of the value of his instructions, only regretting that they had not had such help long before.

In a like manner each member of the party took up his subject and wherever possible, explained it by the use of some crop or animal or other illustration that enabled him to demonstrate in a practical way the results that could be obtained from following scientific methods of treatment and management.

The main benefits resulting were no doubt that the workers of the Agricultural College and Department of Agriculture actually met and talked with the farmers of these two counties right in their own surroundings and became well acquainted. The work of the County Agent was also thoroughly explained and demonstrated so the people might realize how they could best make use of his services and through him of those of the State College and the Federal Department. In the future all local agricultural work by either of the above agencies will be done in co-operation with the County Agent wherever a county is farsighted enough to have employed one, thus securing for itself every benefit of the Demonstration organization. It is believed that these two demonstration days will go a long way toward popularizing the work of the county agent and the great agricultural agencies behind him. County Agents J. F. Monroe of Worcester, and H. S. Lippincott of Somerset, are both to be highly congratulated on their splendid organization for handling this pioneer demonstration campaign.

The speakers from the U. S. Department of Agriculture were I. W. Hill, in charge of Boys' Club Work; A. M. Goodman of the Dairy Division; S. H. Ray of the Bureau of Animal Industry; E. A. Miller of the office of Experiment Stations. Those from the Agricultural College and Experiment Station were, T. B. Symons, Director of Extension; G. H. Alford, State Demonstration Agent; S. S. Buckley, Livestock Management; J. B. S. Norton, Botanist; Roy H. Waite, Poultryman; Nicholas Schmitz, Farm Crops; S. B. Shaw, Fruit and Truck Crops; C. E. Temple, Plant Diseases; G. E. Wolcott, Dairying; F. B. Bomberger, Rural Organization; County Agents E. P. Walls of Talbot, H. S. Koehler of Queen Anne, and J. F. Hudson of Baltimore.

SHEEP GROWERS' INSTITUTE IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY

College Park, Md., May 28.

One hundred and fifty farmers and citizens of Alleghany county attended a Sheep Growers' Institute at Cumberland on May 21st. County Agent John McGill, Jr., has been active in co-operating with the press and interested citizens in promoting the revival of the sheep-growing industry in the county, Alleghany being particularly adapted to the business. All the speakers before the institute were enthusiastic on the opportunities which the section holds for profitable sheep and mutton production. Local business men made the proposition of furnishing flocks to farmers on shares. Some such plan may be followed out if a satisfactory dog law can be passed, this being the greatest obstacle to growers entering the business. The institute went on record as favoring a state-wide dog law for the protection of sheep and other farm livestock against losses from irresponsible dogs.

Those taking part in the program were F. R. Marshall, of the Department of Agriculture on the "Future of the Sheep Industry;" Thomas Pownall, of Cumberland, on "Profits in Sheep;" Isaac Hirsch, of Cumberland, on "The Fleece of Sheep;" Reuben Brigham, of the Maryland Experiment Station, on "The Opportunity for Sheep Growing in Alleghany county and others." The institute was conducted by Dr. Richard S. Hill, Director of Farmers' Institutes, who urged the desirability of the farmers of Alleghany county making the most of this opportunity to place the sheep growing industry in its proper place in the farm economy of that section.

Following the meeting those present came together and decided to form a Sheep Growers' Association for Alleghany county. A committee of nine members from representative sections of the county were nominated to effect a permanent organization. The committee ar-

ranged to meet in two weeks time and authorized County Agent McGill, as secretary of the committee, to secure the co-operation of State and Federal authorities in arousing sentiment favorable to a State-wide dog law. Citizens of Alleghany and adjoining counties interested in the possibilities of the sheep growing industry are invited to join the new association and co-operate in securing satisfactory protection to the growers. All present at the institute were agreed that no better grazing lands or markets for sheep could be found in the State.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENTS AT COLLEGE PARK

College Park, Md., May 28.

Twelve counties were represented at an important conference of the County Agricultural Agents of the State held here today in connection with Farmers' Day at the Agricultural College. State Agent, G. H. Alford, representing the combined Demonstration Work of the Agricultural College and U. S. Department of Agriculture, presided. The most important result of the conference this morning was the decision of those in attendance to hold an Agricultural Demonstration campaign in every organized county of the State during the latter part of July and the first three weeks in August. A similar campaign was conducted a week ago in Somerset and Worcester counties with gratifying success, the purpose being to bring the extension workers of the Agricultural College and Department of Agriculture on close speaking terms with the farmers in their neighborhoods as well as familiarizing them with the work of the local County Agent and ways in which he can co-operate with them.

For carrying out this plan, the State has been divided into districts. One week's campaign will be conducted in each district as follows; July 28, 29, 30 in St. Marys, Charles and Calvert counties; August 4, 5, 6 in Queen Anne, Talbot, and Dor-

chester counties; August 11, 12, 13 in Cecil, Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties; and August 17, 18, 19 in Alleghany and Garrett counties. Prominent speakers from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural College and Experiment Station will assist the County Agents in this campaign for the improvement of agricultural conditions in the State.

This afternoon was devoted to an inspection of the work of the Agricultural College and Experiment Station, as the County Agents will act as guides for their local people who are here to-morrow to take part in Farmers' Day and the dedication of the Founders' Gate at the College. The night session was devoted to a discussion of Boys' Corn Club work in Maryland, which is an important part of the activities of the County Agricultural Agent.

Those in attendance at the conference were U. S. District Agent Jesse M. Jones, of the the Department of Agriculture; State Agent G. H. Alford, and County Agricultural Agents from the following counties: J. H. Drury, Calvert; H. S. Koehler, Queen Anne; W. R. Linthicum, Charles; John McGill, Jr., Alleghany; J. F. Monroe, Worcester; Gilbert Porter, Dorchester; E. P. Walls, Talbot; C. F. Wathen, St. Mary's; G. F. Marsh, Cecil; H. S. Lippincott, Somerset; J. F. Hudson, Baltimore, and H. C. Whiteford, Anne Arundel.

COLLEGE STUDENTS DESIRE FARM EXPERIENCE

College Park, Md., May 29.

Farmers who are short of help for the summer months can secure the services of a number of students at the Agricultural College who desire to hire out on farms to gain experience along lines in which they have not had practice. The young men at the College wishing this kind of work are strong, able-bodied and possessed of good habits. It will afford the farmer needing help an excellent

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which commenced August 11, 1912, in Clark, Delaware and Anne Arundel counties and August 17, 1912, in Albemarle and Chester counties. The results in Albemarle and Chester counties were as follows: In Albemarle, the results were as follows: In Chester, the results were as follows:

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